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IT IS HOPED that this outline of the library situation in West Virginia will serve as a beginning of a printed record which will be made at regular intervals and which will show the advance of the library movement in the state.

The information is not complete in many cases. The Department of State Historian and Archives is not included, also the State Law Library and the many law libraries located in different towns throughout the state, have been omitted.

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# HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Questionnaires were sent to all of the first class high schools but replies were received from only 83 schools. The following information was taken from these replies:

Total number of books 607,802 (in 130 schools).
Number of books per student—20 (in 130 schools).
53 of the 83 have library rooms.
14 of these libraries are in class rooms.
29 are in study halls or the library is used as study hall.
58 are classified and catalogued.
23 give lessons on the use of the library.

The 13 schools listed below have full time librarians:

Bridgeport Hight School ..... Hester Golden
Ceredo-Kenova High School ..... Alice LaFollette
Charleston High School ..... Mrs. Elizabeth Estill
Clarksburg—
Washington Irving ..... Alice R. Griffin
Victory High School ..... Edith M. Smith
Elkins High School ..... Mary Louise Keplinger
Fairmont High School ..... Esther Hetherlin
Huntington High School ..... Anna Love
Keyser High School ..... Eloise Miller
Mannington High School ..... Bessie Mockler
Morgantown High School ..... Irene Collett
Parkersburg High School ..... Ida M. Peters
Wheeling—
Triadelphia District High School..... Helen E. Morris

Huntington has four libraries injunior high schools with Icid E. Hunter in charge.

## LIBRARIES IN PRIVATE, STATE AND DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

(Secondary)

| NAME | LIBRARIAN | NO. OF BOOKS |
|---|---|---|
| Alderson Collegiate Institute | | 1,000 |
| Alderson Baptist Academy | Emma C. Alderson | |
| Greenbrier College for Women | Mary Anne Justice | 1,500 |
| New River State School | Ada McVeigh | 8,000 |
| Potomac State School | Mrs. Ida Menefee | 3,050 |
| Romney School for Deaf and Blind | | 1,600 (1,000 for blind) |
| St. Hilda's Hall | Margaret Hester | 2,200 |

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF WEST VIRGINIA

| | NAME | Established | STAFF | Appropriation and Rate of Tax | No. of Books | No. of Borrowers | Am't. per Capita | Am't. per Borrower | No. bks. per Capita | No. bks. per Borrower | Open per week, (hrs.) | Goverend by |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bluefield Public Library | 1821 | Mrs. Frederick R. Dow<br>Estelle Gearing | 5,000 | 9,900 | 4,000 | .32 | 1.25 | .65 | 2.47 | 42 | Library Board 6 Members |
| 2 | Charleston Public Library | 1909 | Mrs. B. von Schlechtendal<br>Elizabeth Quarrier<br>Susan Porter<br>Mrs. Edwin Bowen<br>Helen Mosser<br>Mrs. W. D. Sell<br>Adelaide Collins | 13,400<br>.01¼ | 15,000 | 7,808 | .33 | 1.72 | .37 | 1.9 | 69 | Library and School Board 12 Members<br>Appointed by School Board |
| 3 | Charles Town Community Library | 1922 | Katherine Riddle and Representatives from Woman's Club & Churches | Supported by Membership, Dues $1 per year | 1,000 | 100 | ---- | ------ | .39 | 10 | 3 | Committee from Club and Churches |
| 4 | Cameron Public Library | 1908 | From Woman's Club | Donations from Club and other sources | 1,500 | 800 | ---- | ------ | .62 | 1.8 | 2 | |
| 5 | Clarksburg Public Library | 1907 | Sally Scollay Page<br>Virginia Patterson<br>Mrs. Harry Reese<br>May Potter<br>Charlotte Bailey | 3,992.63 | 6,708 | 3,045 | .143 | 1.31 | .17 | 1 | 36 | City Council |
| | Fairmont Public Library | | Discontinued | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Grafton Public Library | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hinton Carnegie Library | | Discontinued<br>$15,000 Carnegie Building<br>Used for School Purposes | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Huntington Public Library | 1902 | Lewis Harvey<br>Margaret Hennion<br>Edith Hall<br>Antoinette Renner | 9,358 | 25,000 | 20,210 | .186 | .46 | .49 | 1 | 27 | 3 Members from School Board |
| 8 | Lewisburg Public Library | | Elizabeth Mathews<br>No reply | | | | | | | | | |

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| 9 | McMechen Public Library | 1922 | Anna Slippner<br>Margaret Miller<br>Anna Neilson<br>Mrs. Moses<br>Miss Zimmerman<br>Miss Gatewood | Donations and Fines, 275.00 | 1,500 | ..... | .08 | ..... | .44 | ..... | 24 | Committee from Community Center |
| 10 | Moundsville Public Library | 1917 | Mrs. Ida M. Hankins<br>Laura Hornbrook | Donations and Taxes .015 1,610.00 | 7,610 | 600 | .15 | 2.68 | .71 | 12 | 33 | Library Board of 7 appointed by Mayor |
| 11 | Carnegie Library Parkersburg | 1905 | Anna E. Taylor<br>Charlotte Dressel<br>Bess Stewart<br>Florence Bowman | 7,889.56<br>Rate .015 | 20,519 | 7,151 | .39 | 1.10 | 1 | 2.8 | 75 | School Board 5 Members |
| 12 | Ronceverte Circulating Library | 1902 | Lonla Wilson | Donations and Entertainments | 1,189 | 60 | .... | ..... | .51 | 19 | | Mutual Improvement Club |
| 13 | Shepherdstown Public Library | 1923 | Mrs. Wm B. Snyder<br>Mrs. Geo. Billinger | $150 for Books Fee for Use of Library | 500 | 50 | .118 | 3.00 | .38 | 10 | 4 | Committee of 5 from Woman's Club |
| 14 | Sistersville Public Library | 1917 | Bertha Chadderdon<br>Elsie Stealey | 1,600.00 | 6,371 | 1,063 | .49 | 1.50 | 1.3 | 5.8 | 20 | |
| 15 | Louis Bennett Public Library Lewis County (WESTON) | 1923 | Mrs. G. M. Hamilton<br>Agnes Craig | 7,500.00<br>Rate .02 | 3,000 | 1,400 | .36 | 5.35 | .14 | 2 | 43 | Library Board of 5 Members |
| 16 | Wheeling Public Library | 1859 | Etta M. Roberts<br>Margaret Houston<br>Kate Land<br>Ella Oberman<br>Emily Commerford<br>Margaret Kasley | 20,787.98<br>Rate .0175 | 41,608 | 7,333 | .37 | 2.83 | .087 | 5.6 | 76 | School Board of 5 Members |
| 17 | White Sulphur Springs Public Library | 1914 | Minnie Burdette | 800.00 | 1,782 | 199 | 2.66 | 4.00 | 1.47 | 8.9 | 42 | |
| | | | | Total for State 70,928.17 Rate of Tax varies from .01 to .02 | Total 141,187 | Total 53,819 | Av. served .46 State pop. .044 | Average amt. per Borrower 2.10 | No. served .44 State pop. .088 | No. of Books per Borrower 7.-\|- | | |

# College and University Libraries

| | NAME | STAFF | Number of Books | Appropriation | Number of Students | Books per Student | Amount spent per Student | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | West Virginia University | Dr. L. D. Arnett<br>Jennie D. Boughner<br>Vivian Reynolds<br>Virginia Carter<br>Mrs. Evelyn Hite<br>Mrs. Elearnor Knutti<br>Odas Williamson | 83,000 | 12,000 | 1,800 | 46 | 6.11 | University Law Library<br>Garnet Reeder |
| 2 | Bethany College | Anna Mary Kemp | 17,000 | 5,000 | 358 | 47 | 13.93 | |
| 3 | Broaddus College | Arthur L. Brandon | 3,000 | 1,200 | 200 | 15 | 6.00 | |
| 4 | Davis & Elkins College | Virgie Harris | 5,000 | 2,100 | 360 | 13 | 5.08 | |
| 5 | Morris Harvey College | Nellie Rosencrance | 4,000 | 1,600 | 260 | 15 | 6.15 | |
| 6 | Salem College | Maybelle Sutton | 5,100 | 700 | 837 | 6 | .83 | |
| 7 | West Virginia Wesleyan College | Cecelia Alexander | ---------- | ------- | 567 | ---- | ------ | |
| | | Totals | 117,100 | 22,600 | 4,382 | ---- | -- - | |

Average Number of Books per Student 29

Expenditure per Student 5.66

# NORMAL SCHOOL LIBRARIES

| | NAME | STAFF | Number of Books | Appropriation | Number of Students | Books per Student | Amount spent per Student |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Marshall College | Lucy M. Buker<br>Louise M. Hoxie | 15,000 | 8,450 | 727 | 20 | 11.89 |
| 2 | Fairmont Teachers' College | Mrs. Emory F. McKinney<br>Mrs. C. E. Boatman | 9,000 | 3,065 | 270 | 33 | 11.33 |
| 3 | Glenville Normal School | Alma Arbuckle | 4,000 | 2,500 | 200 | 20 | 12.50 |
| 4 | Concord Normal School | Ora Peters | 5,100 | 2,565 | 130 | 39 | 19.73 |
| 5 | Shepherd College | Pauline Shriver | 6,300 | 3,500 | 125 | 50 | 28.00 |
| 6 | West Liberty Normal School | Mary K. Kitchen | 8,000 | 2,697 | 149 | 53 | 18.10 |
| | | Totals | 47,400 | 20,777 | 1,601 | — | — — |

Average Number of Books per Student 29

Expenditure per Student 16.92

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